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23. [REDACTED] LIAISON Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called and said the CIARDS legislation would be called up on the floor on 10 September.

I discussed the letter which Representative Leonor Sullivan (D., Mo.) had written to Chairman Melvin Price, House Armed Services Committee, (which Chairman Price forwarded to us). I said our suggested response has gone to NSC, which got the original request. Slatinshek said there is a feeling among some members of Congress that the Administration is playing games -- deliberately downplaying evidence that there is some activity there which the members should be aware of so as to justify the giving away of the Panama Canal. He said he didn't know if this was true or not. He said we must be honest no matter what NSC says. I told him there was no question that we would give an honest reply.

Slatinshek also said there is quite a bit of interest in Soviet nuclear capabilities. There is concern on the Hill that they are not being kept informed of Soviet testing, that they hear practically nothing from the Executive Branch on any of this and they wonder why. He said he is directing this question to us and would like something from us as to the number of these tests in recent weeks all of which appear to have exceeded the 100 kiloton level. I told him we would get him a paper on this. [REDACTED] OCI, has been advised and has provided a paper to Slatinshek.

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24. [REDACTED] LIAISON Mr. Herwitz, Country Director for Korea, Department of State, called and said he understood we had turned down a request to appear before Representative Donald Fraser's (D., Minn.) Subcommittee on International Organizations of the House International Relations Committee on the subject of human rights in North Korea. Herwitz wanted to know if we would reconsider. I told him the Director didn't feel there was anything we could add to what the Department has on the subject and it was better for State to handle it than us. He said the Agency does know quite a bit on other aspects such as economics, etc. I said I would look into this and get back in touch. Tom White will handle.

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12.  LEGISLATION Discussed with Jim Davidson, Minority staff, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Senate Government Operations Committee, and Lyle Morris, on the staff of Senator John Glenn (D., Ohio), certain problems with respect to S.2925 (the zero-base budget review bill) which remained despite numerous changes to the bill. Further contacts will be necessary as the so-called sunset legislation is scheduled to come up for floor action later this month.

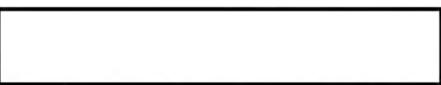
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13.  LEGISLATION Called Mr. Ronald Kienlen, Office of General Counsel, OMB, regarding the draft Executive Order on "Suitability Requirements for Government Employment," which the Agency now has for comments. I informed Mr. Kienlen the Agency and the Intelligence Community had extremely serious problems with the draft Order and will be getting our views to him as soon as possible. Mr. Kienlen said he would appreciate as much material as possible explaining our position but that his office hopes to avoid any delays in preparing a final Order for Presidential approval.

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14.  LIAISON I talked to Philip Mayhew, Department of State, who returned my call to Ed Hurwitz, of the Korean Desk, Department of State, who had asked us to reconsider our position on not testifying before Chairman Donald M. Fraser's (D., Minn.) Subcommittee on International Organizations, House International Relations Committee, with respect to North Korea. I told him we did not feel we should change our previous position against testifying for various reasons which I discussed with him.

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10. [REDACTED] LIAISON Spoke with Roger France, on the staff of Representative Bud Shuster (R., Pa.), in response to his request for an Agency speaker. France explained that approximately 50 members of the Chambersburg, Pa. Chamber of Commerce would be visiting Washington on the 29th of September. He said they would be visiting the Pentagon and the FBI and had requested an Agency speaker for their luncheon, which will be hosted by the Congressman. He suggested that our speaker address himself to the Agency role in Government rather than the adverse publicity directed toward the Agency, which the Chamber of Commerce people said they were not interested in. I contacted the office of Paul Chretien, OTR, determined that he would be available to speak to the group, and advised France that we would be able to make a speaker available for the group. France will call us back when he gets a room number and time for the luncheon.

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11. [REDACTED] LIAISON I called Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, House International Relations Committee, following up on a previous conversation with him with respect to the request of Chairman Donald M. Fraser (D., Minn.), Subcommittee on International Organizations, for an Agency witness at hearings on human rights in North Korea. He said he had talked to the Committee Chairman, Representative Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), who felt that it was our decision whether to provide such a witness.

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12. [REDACTED] LIAISON I called Bob Boettcher, on the Subcommittee on International Organizations staff, House International Relations Committee, and told him that after reviewing the matter we had decided to maintain our position and not supply a witness for Subcommittee hearings on human rights in North Korea. He said he understood the reasons for our position and while he would like to have had an Agency witness he would not press further on the matter.

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13. [REDACTED] LIAISON I called Rob Roy Ratliff, NSC staff, and discussed with him the OAG deliberations with respect to a sensitive CA project which it has been alleged has not been covered in Presidential findings to date. He stated that while the current omnibus finding does not specifically mention the project it was included in the original language of the finding and deleted for sensitivity purposes but definitely was intended to be included in the overall finding and so understood by the President.

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4.

LIAISON Spoke with Chip Pickett, Staff Director, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Budget, and he indicated that the Committee, to his knowledge, did not have possession of the final numbers on the appropriation approved by the conferees.

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LIAISON Contacted Ronald Kienlen, Office of General Counsel, OMB, to obtain background on an Executive Order which, according to the 7 September Congressional Record "Daily Digest," the President was issuing and which would prohibit the employment of aliens in the competitive service. Mr. Kienlen assured me that the Executive Order (E.O. 11935) would affect only the competitive service and not the excepted services.

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6.

LEGISLATION Contacted the Senate Rules and Administration Committee to determine the status of S.2925, the zero-base review bill, which had been referred to that Committee by the Senate Government Operations Committee after being reported favorably by the latter in early August. I was informed that Senators Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine) and William V. Roth (R., Del.), both of whom are pushing S.2925, were testifying before the Senate Rules and Administration Committee today and that the Committee hopes to report the bill favorably very shortly since it is on the Senate calendar later this month.

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LIAISON I called Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and told him that 39 of the names on the current foreign service list are ours.

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LIAISON Cliff Hackett, House International Relations Committee staff, called and stated that at the time we provided the conclusions to the document on the Italian Communist Party we had also offered a briefing on the Communist Party and stated that Representatives Stephen J. Solarz (D., N. Y.) and Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) had now requested such a briefing. I told him that the situation had changed somewhat and gave him some background on the Panorama article, which he claimed he was unaware of. I then told him I would look into whether we could provide such a briefing.

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[Redacted] LIAISON Tom Popovich, Minority staff, House International Relations Committee, called and stated that Representative Charles Whalen, Jr. (R., Ohio) had requested to see the document on the Italian Communist Party which we had previously provided to the Committee. I told him we would either send it back to Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff of the Committee, or provide it directly and would let him know.

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10. [Redacted] LIAISON I met with Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and briefly reviewed Senator Mike Mansfield's (D., Mont.) questions posed through Norvill Jones, on the Committee staff, [Redacted] told Holt that we just wanted to be sure all of Senator Mansfield's questions were answered. He suggested I talk to Jones on the matter. 25X1

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11. [Redacted] LIAISON I met with Karin Lissakers and Jerome Levinson, both on the staff of the Subcommittee on Multi-national Corporations, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and gave to them the background they had requested on the [Redacted]

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[Redacted] They raised other questions which I will follow up on. 25X1

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12. [Redacted] ADMINISTRATIVE - DELIVERIES I dropped off at the office of Representative Charles Wilson (D., Texas) maps of the Mid East area which we had promised him at a recent briefing.

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13. [Redacted] LIAISON I met with Tom Smeeton, Minority staff, House International Relations Committee, and gave him the background on the Panorama article. He mentioned that Representatives Charles Whalen, Jr. (R., Ohio) and Edward G. Biester, Jr. (R., Pa.) had indicated unhappiness with the oversight system in the Committee. I explained some of the problems involved in any oversight situation and suggested that he convey this idea to anyone he felt should be aware of them.

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14. [Redacted] LIAISON I called Elliott Maxwell, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staff, and told him that I would be bringing some materials on charters up to him the next day.

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